

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: March 24, 2014
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Business

- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* – Construction activities in Mansfield this week include the installation of access roads and construction pads in the vicinity of Bassetts Bridge Road in the area of Mansfield Hollow State Park. Crews will also clear vegetation in the right-of-way in the vicinity of Stafford Road (Rte. 32) and South Bedlam Road. Additional information about the project will be posted on the Town's website as it becomes available. Weekly construction updates can be found at www.NEEWSprojects.com. Residents can also call 1-866-99NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or email NEEWS@NU.com for more information.
- *Future Agenda Items* – In April, we will provide an update on the Probate Court consolidation and discuss Council Rules and Procedures, as requested by individual Councilors.
- *Legislative Program* – The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and I continue to monitor legislative issues that are important to Mansfield. Last Wednesday, March 19th, the Mayor addressed the Appropriations Committee concerning the Governor's mid-term budget adjustments and state aid to cities and towns. On Thursday, March 20th, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Superintendent Baruzzi and I met with our state senator and state representatives to discuss the same topic. Both of these sessions were productive. In addition, we will attend CCM's *Day on the Hill* session this coming Wednesday, March 26, 2014.
- *Town Attorney Services* – The Personnel Committee met on March 17th and selected two finalists for a second interview. Staff is scheduling these interviews for early April.

Departmental Reports

- *Planning and Zoning*
 - *Safe Routes to Schools Grant: Southeast School Walkway* – A public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM at the Southeast School Gymnasium on a new walkway proposed to connect Southeast Elementary School to the existing walkway on Storrs Road (Rte. 195). The Town applied for grant funding for this project from the Safe Routes to School program in 2011. While the grant application was not one of the original projects selected for that grant round, the Town was recently notified that due to the availability of additional funding, this project is now eligible for a grant award. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of the proposed project and obtain feedback from the community.

Major Projects

- *Storrs Center*
 - *Main Street Homes Information Session* – Learn more about the proposed condominium homes and townhomes planned for Storrs Center on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Nathan Hale Inn & Conference Center. Details will be provided about the types of housing planned for this neighborhood. Learn how you can become a Storrs Center Founding Resident through the Test the Market program. *RSVP to* info@storrscenter.com *or* 845.351.2900 x400.
 - *Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center* - The grand opening of the [Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center](#) will be held on Monday, April 14th at 10:00 AM in front of the Center. All are invited to attend. The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center is nearing completion. Construction began in the spring of 2013 on this intermodal transportation node that will serve as a bus and bicycle hub and information center. While interior work is wrapping up, UConn and Windham Region Transit

District (WRTD) buses are now stopping at the Nash-Zimmer. Peter Pan buses will add the Nash-Zimmer to their route this spring. The planned features of the Nash-Zimmer transportation center include racks, showers, lockers, and storage for bicycle commuters. Exterior bicycle racks are already in use by local cyclists, and the Center also features a video wall with information about Storrs Center and surrounding cultural and recreational opportunities. The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center is named for Dennison Nash and Gary Zimmer, two longtime Mansfield residents who were strong advocates for alternative transportation. For more information, please visit www.mansfieldct.gov/TransportationCenter. You can also follow the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center on Twitter: @NashZimmer.

Upcoming Events

- *Storrs Farmers Market* – The Storrs Winter Farmers Market will be held on Saturdays (March 29 and April 12 & 26), 3:00 – 5:00PM, inside the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library. Storrs Farmers Market is the only year-round farmers market in Northeastern Connecticut. For more information or to sign up for the Market email newsletter, please visit: www.storrsfarmersmarket.org.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Traffic Authority, March 25, 2014, 10:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Services Advisory Committee, March 26, 2014, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, March 27, 2014, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, March 31, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, April 1, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee, April 1, 2014, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, April 2, 2014, 5:30 PM, Community Room, Mansfield Community Center
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, April 2, 2014, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, April 3, 2014, 4:00 PM, Community Room, Mansfield Community Center
- **Public Information Session on the Manager's Proposed Budget**, April 3, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Inland Wetlands Agency/Planning & Zoning Commission, April 7, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, April 8, 2014, 12:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, April 8, 2014, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, April 8, 2014, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, April 8, 2014, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, April 9, 2014, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Zoning Board of Appeals, April 9, 2014, 7:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, April 10, 2014, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Playground Committee, April 10, 2014, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, April 11, 2014, 8:10 AM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Responsible Contracting Committee, April 11, 2014, 9:00 AM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, April 14, 2014, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, April 14, 2014, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Public Hearing on the Budget**, April 14, 2014, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, April 14, 2014, 7:30PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*